

## RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year

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Medical Officer of Health.

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26th July, 1940.

To the Minister of Health, The Chairman and Members of the Castle Donington Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I am advised by the Minister of Health in his Circular dated 19th July 1940 that a brief interim report for the year 1939 should be presented and that only essential or urgent matter should be commented upon.

The only important change in the Public Services was the completion of the Council's Water Scheme. The new service was put into use on the 14th March. Widespread appreciation was expressed by domestic users.

On the exclusion of non-civilian cases from the total notifiable zymotic diseases, it was found that the rate was almost the same as in the previous year.

The Council agreed to bear the expense of the immunisation against diphtheria of Castle Donington district children who were attending Loughborough schools. The Loughborough epidemic of diphtheria did not spread over our borders.

The attendances at the Kegworth Infant Welfare Centre increased by more than fifty per cent.

At the Castle Donington Sewerage Works defects in the detritus lagoons were corrected by undermining the chambers. After heavy rainfall flooding occurred in the Pump House and in the yards of houses in Victoria Street. The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Kegworth Works was not satisfactory. The appointment of a new Manager was under the Council's consideration.

A satisfactory statistical figure which should be mentioned was that relating to the percentage of cattle, excluding cows, which was affected by tuberculosis. This year's figure of 8.19 was an improvement on the 9.5% of 1938.

Only seventeen new houses were erected in the area, all by private enterprise.

The new Kegworth Primary School was opened. About two hundred and forty children attended.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

T. McCOWATT MONTFORD.

